

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

C1 --It will be appreciated that the independent construction of the plurality of three dimensional playing segments 12 enables the playing segments 12 to be sized, dimensioned or otherwise altered to achieve any desirable design or motif. For example, as is shown in Figs. 3 and 4, the height H of the corner playing segments 12 (that is, the playing segments on which the Rook playing pieces are originally positioned in a traditional chess game) is greater than the height of any of the intermediate playing segments 12. Also, as is shown in Fig. 5, the lengths L of the respective playing segments 12 are generally greater than the widths W thereof. More particularly, the playing segments 12 form a graduated chess game playing array assembly 10 wherein the corner playing segments 12 have the highest elevation, the middle playing segments 12 have the lowest elevation, and the intermediate playing segments 12 are gradually stepped downward in elevation from the outer playing segments 12 to the middle playing segments 12. In addition, the playing segments 12 are preferably uniformly spaced apart. Further, the perimeter of the playing array assembly 10 may include arcuate edges which are generally convex in the length width direction and generally concave in the width length direction, as illustrated in the embodiment shown in Figs. 1-5.--